each State have been established. The Boards prescribe standards for compliance by the slaughter houses.

The Ministry of Agriculture is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme to modernise/improve existing slaughter houses under which financial grants are provided among other things for production of wholesome and hygienic meat and prevention of environmental pollution.

Production of sugar cane in the Country

3273. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN:
DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what were the targets and actuals of sugar cane production in the country in the year 1991-92 and what is the target for the year 1992-93;

(b) what steps have been taken to achieve higher production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The target and estimated production of sugarcane in the year 1991-92 and target for the year 1992-93 are as under:—

(In lakh tonnes) —

Year	Target	Production estimated
1991-92 . .	2300	2448
1992-93 . .	2430	..

(b) In order to achieve higher production of sugarcane, the Department of Food has been providing loans from Sugar Development Fund to sugar-mills for cane development on various components such as seed production, pest control measures, setting up of heat treatment plants, use of improved varieties of sugarcane, irrigation facilities etc.

Production of Oil Seeds

3274. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the targets and actuals of oil seeds production in the country for the year 1991-92 and what is the target for the year 1992-93; and

(b) what steps Government have taken to achieve higher production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Against target of oilseeds production for 1991-92 at 18.5 million tonnes, it is expected that production will be around 18.34 million tonnes. The target for production during 1992-93 is 19.0 million tonnes.

(b) A Centrally Sponsored Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) is in operation in 21 States in the country. Under this programme financial assistance is given to the States on key inputs like seed. plant production, chemicals. equipments, control root grub improved farm implements, rhizobium culture, gypsum pyrites, block demonstrations and frontline demonstrations. Integrated development of oilseeds is also promoted through the Techology Mission approach covering crop production technology. farmers services/inputs and price support-market intervention.

Requirement of foodgrains

3275. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there s too much dependence on few